



Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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Excise Police Issue 157 Summonses During Little 500 Weekend

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 157 summonses to 125 people and incarcerated several subjects in Bloomington during the weekend of Indiana University's Little 500, from April 23-25, 2009.

In 2008, excise officers issued 202 tickets during Little 500 weekend. In 2007, they issued 103. As in the last several years, the majority of tickets were for alcohol offenses, particularly illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. Officers also made arrests for possession of marijuana, reckless possession of paraphernalia, resisting law enforcement, operating while intoxicated, furnishing or providing alcoholic beverages to a minor and public intoxication.

"Excise officers from several districts focused their attention on Bloomington this weekend, when alcohol violations are historically high as a result of IU's Little 500" Officer Travis Thickstun said. "Officers conducted inspections of alcoholic beverage establishments and patrolled on and near the Indiana University campus. As a result, 157 tickets were issued and several people were incarcerated."

Those cited by excise officers this weekend appeared in Monroe Circuit Court Sunday morning at 8:30. Most of them will spend the day in alcohol awareness class and doing community service.

Excise police also worked with the State Fire Marshal over the weekend. As a result of inspections at several local alcohol establishments, excise police are conducting follow-up investigations on at least eight establishments, all of which may be cited for violating Indiana law and the rules of the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission.

Throughout the week, excise officers also worked with officers from the Bloomington Police Department, Indiana University Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Indiana State Police.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While they are empowered to enforce any Indiana law, they focus primarily of alcohol, tobacco and related violations.